

Department of Environmental Quality

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October 14, 2009

Bob Humbert & Son, Inc. 1560-A S. Main Street Milton-Freewater, OR 97682

RE: Septic Tank Approvals

Dear Mr. Humbert:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has received the plans, specifications and other associated materials you provided for two additional septic tank configurations to be manufactured by your company located in Umatilla County at 1560-A S. Main Street, Milton-Freewater, Oregon. I am pleased to advise that the following tanks may be installed in Oregon based on your certification that these tanks comply with all applicable Department rules and regulations:

- 1500-Gallon Two (2) Compartment Tank Septic Tank
- 1500-Gallon Two (2) Compartment Tank Septic and Dosing Tank

These tank approvals are based on plans prepared by Malcolm W. Randall, PE Consulting Engineers of Milton-Freewater. These plans were approved by Department staff on October 12, 2009. Installation, operation and maintenance documents for the septic tank installation and appurtenant devices (vaults, pumps, splice boxes) that you submitted as part of the review were also approved.

You are authorized to manufacture and distribute these tanks for use in onsite wastewater treatment systems in Oregon until further notice, providing the following conditions are met:

- 1. Each tank must be manufactured in compliance with the Department's rules, and the plans and design specifications provided. Any deviation from the plans and specifications shall not be permitted unless authorized in writing by the Department.
- 2. The concrete mix shall be in accordance with the mix description on the plans prepared by your engineer. The minimum concrete strength of fc = 4,000 psi specified by your engineer shall be achieved. Three concrete sample cylinders shall be taken and tested for each tank manufactured until the minimum compressive strength is obtained. Thereafter, at least one concrete sample cylinder for each five tanks produced shall be taken. Samples shall be tested for compressive strength. Samples shall be alternately broken at 7 and 28 days. All samples shall be field cured where the tanks are stored. Laboratory curing of additional samples may be done at your option. All test results shall be made available for Department review upon request.

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- 3. Each tank shall be cured and protected from premature drying and excessive hot or cold temperatures for the first ten days following casting. Tanks may be shipped from the casting yard after seven days, or earlier if the concrete has reached two-thirds of its design strength.
- 4. It is the responsibility of your business to insure that each assembled tank delivered to the construction site is water-tight. It is expected that your business will pre-test some percentage of the tanks at the plant to verify they are water-tight.
- 5. A fully assembled and complete tank shall be delivered to the purchaser, including the necessary tank risers and covers.
- 6. Each tank shall be delivered with the installation guide. The guide shall be printed on waterproof paper or an equivalent. You have indicated that you place these documents into a zip lock plastic bag when delivered with each tank.
- 7. Each tank is only acceptable for use at locations where the top loading will not exceed the engineering design parameters. Tanks proposed for use at other locations shall require an engineering analysis of the potential top loading, and may require the preparation of sitespecific plans and specifications.
- 8. Each tank shall be marked on the uppermost tank surface over the outlet with the liquid capacity, date of manufacturer, burial depth limit, and either your full business name or the assigned number 1030.

Please feel free to contact Robert Baggett at (541) 663-2036 or baggett.robert@deq.state.or.us if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Kucinski, Manager

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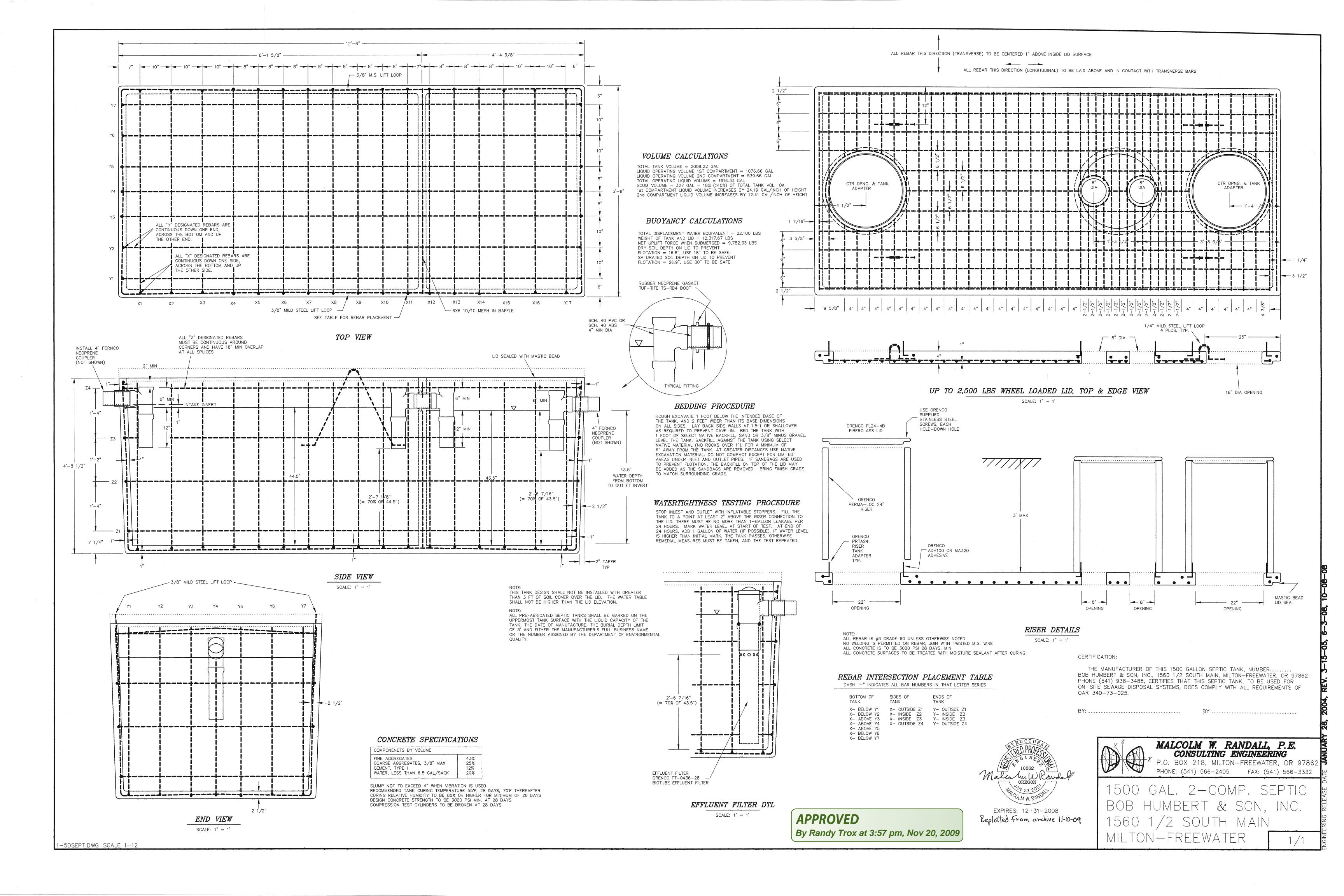
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Encl.: Approved Plans, Diagram, and Installation Guide

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BOB HUMBERT & SON INC. 1500 GALLON, 2-COMPARTMENT SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION MANUAL

Revised October 8, 2008

EXCAVATION

This tank shall not have more than 3 feet of soil cover above the top of the lid. The rough excavation shall have its bottom 1 foot below the intended base of the tank, and 2 feet wider than the base dimensions of the tank on all sides, to allow working access. The sides of the excavation must be laid back at a minimum slope of 1.5 horizontal to 1 vertical for safety against cave-in. If the soil characteristics demand, a flatter lay-back may be required.

After rough excavation is complete, including trenches for inlet and outlet pipes, bed all pipes with a minimum of 6 inches of select native backfill, sand or 3/8" minus gravel. Bed the tank with 1 foot of select native backfill, sand or 3/8" minus gravel. Level the tank bedding accurately.

INSTALLATION

Lower the tank into the excavation using the lift eyes which are pre-cast into the edges of the tank. Use a spreader bar in the lift sling to prevent damage to the sidewalls of the tank. Position the tank in alignment with the inlet and outlet pipes, and make connections. If the water table is higher than the base of the tank, temporary pumping of the ground water may be required to prevent tank flotation.

After pipe connections are made and any internal filtration equipment required, install the lid and risers using mastic bead waterproof connection as shown on the plans. If the water table is higher than half the depth of the tank, anti-flotation measures must be taken to prevent tank movement until the excavation is fully backfilled.

Backfill against the tank using select native (no rocks over 1") material for a minimum distance of 6" away from the tank. At distances greater than 6" from the tank, native excavation material may be used for backfill. Deposit backfill WITHOUT compacting except for limited areas under the inlet and outlet pipes. If sandbags are used to prevent flotation, the backfill on top of the lid may be added as the sandbags are removed. Bring finish grade to match surrounding grade.

WATERTIGHTNESS

After installation, each tank shall be water tested by stopping the inlet and the outlet with inflatable stoppers, and filling the tank to a point at least 2" above the riser connection to the lid. During the test there shall be no more than 1-gallon leakage over a 24-hour period. This shall be ascertained by measuring the water level from a known point on the riser at the start of the test. At the end of the 24-hour period, one gallon of make-up water is to be added to the contents of the tank. If the water level rises to or above that measured at the start of the test, the tank has passed the test. If the water level does not rise above that measured at the start of the test, the tank fails the test, and remedial measures must be taken.

PIPING

The gravity flow inlet and outlet pipes shall be 4" ABS, connected to the tank using a 4" FCRNCO Neoprene coupler as specified on the drawing.

ADHESIVE

Use ADH 100 or MA 320 adhesive sealant to seal the risers to the tank adapter.